

PATENT

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IMPROVED INGESTION PROPERTY AND  
METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAME**  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Madam:

Responsive to the Advisory Action mailed March 8, 2007, in the above-referenced patent application, Applicant(s) submit a Request for Continued Examination and this Preliminary Amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.